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## Banks.

### THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.  
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PAID-UP CAPITAL: 10,500,000  
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S. CHOW.

Hongkong, 3rd October, 1898.

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H. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1898.

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E. W. RUTTER, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 15th October, 1898.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.  
Authorized Capital: £1,000,000  
Paid up Capital: £324,374

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:  
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman.  
J. T. Laubs, Esq., Chan Kit Shan, Esq., Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq., Chief Manager.  
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

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On Current Account, Daily Balances 2 per Cent. per Annum.  
Hongkong, 30th November, 1897.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL: \$10,000,000  
RESERVE FUND: \$10,000,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS: \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:  
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CHIEF MANAGER: HONGKONG—T. JACKSON, Esq. MANAGER: SHANGHAI—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq. LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

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For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1899.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.  
THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 PER CENT. per annum.  
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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895.

## Intimations.

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FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS  
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\* (Passing through the Inland Sea.) (See Special Advertisement.)

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H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1899.



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Hongkong, 3rd March, 1899.

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E. V. SIOEN, Manager.

Yokohama, 1st October, 1897.

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Hongkong, 16th March, 1899.

## Intimations.

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### UNITED ASBESTOS CO., LD., LONDON,

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MANUFACTURERS OF THE  
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12th October, 1898.

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## NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held on TUESDAY, the 28th March, at 11.30 A.M. at the Offices of the Company, 7, Queen's Road Central, when a Resolution for the purpose of increasing the Capital of the Company will be submitted.

LITGENS, EINSTAMANN & Co., General Agent.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1899.

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a MEETING of the Board of Directors of the Company held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 7th day of March, 1899, the following RESOLUTION was passed:

That a CALL of ONE DOLLAR per Share upon all the Holders of Ordinary Shares in the above Company in respect of all the Shares held by them in the above Company be and the same is hereby made. Such Calls to be PAID to the Company at their Premises, THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, at their Premises, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 17th day of April, 1899.

And Notice is also given that in accordance with Articles 24 of the Company's Articles of Association interest will be charged as from the said 17th April, 1899, at the rate of 5 per centum per annum upon all CALLS remaining unpaid after the said 17th day of April, 1899, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.

Shareholders are particularly requested to note that upon presentation at the Office of the Company of the Bankers' receipt for payment of the Call together with the certificate of the shares in respect of which the Call has been paid an endorsement to that effect will be made upon the certificate.

By Order of the Board of Directors, JAMES B. DUNCAN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1899.

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, Peddar Street, at 8.00, on THURSDAY, the 23rd March, for the purpose of receiving their Report and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1898.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 22nd instant, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1899.

CHINA SUGAR REFINERY COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, Peddar Street, at 8.00, on THURSDAY, the 23rd March, for the purpose of receiving their Report and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1898.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 23rd March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1899.

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, Peddar Street, at 12.30 P.M., on THURSDAY, the 23rd March, for the purpose of receiving their Report and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1898.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 23rd March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1899.

## Auctions.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. No. 125.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on

THURSDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1899, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command, J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 23rd February, 1899.

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Thursday, the 23rd day of March, 1899, at 3 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 21 Years.

### PARTICULARS OF LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	Peak Road, Lot 1	100 ft. by 100 ft.	10,000	50	500

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. No. 126.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on

FRIDAY, the 24th day of March, 1899, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command, J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 24th March, 1899.

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Friday, the 24th day of March, 1899, at 3 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years.

### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	Peak Road, Lot 1	100 ft. by 100 ft.	10,000	50	500

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. No. 93.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on

MONDAY, the 27th day of March, 1899, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command, J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th February, 1899.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale to be held on Monday, the 27th day of March, 1899, at 3 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years.

### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	Peak Road, Lot 1	100 ft. by 100 ft.	10,000	50	500

### BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

M. R. G. P. LAMBERT has received instructions from the Mortgagee to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION on the premises on

TUESDAY, the 28th March, 1899, at 3 P.M.

ALL THAT Valuable LEASEHOLD PROPERTY situate Nos. 50, 52 and 54, Lower Lascar Row, Victoria, Hongkong, and registered in the Land Office as SUBSECTIONS 1 of SECTION A of INLAND LOT No. 44.

The Property is held for the residue of the term of 75 years from the 26th June, 1843, and for the further term of 924 years from the expiry of the said term of 75 years at the apportioned CROWN RENT of £286.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from Messrs. DEACON & HASTINGS, 35, Queen's Road, Vendors Solicitors, and from the Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1899.

## Insurance.

### NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co., Hongkong, 28th May, 1895.







end of the year, effectually blocked the question of general Settlement extension. At the beginning of the present year, however, we learnt with satisfaction that the Tao-tai of Shanghai had been instructed to take once more in hand the matter and to bring it to a conclusion, and for some time it was understood that the negotiations were proceeding with every prospect of a satisfactory outcome. Towards the end of January the Tao-tai left for Nanking, and it was understood that he was proceeding thither in order to make the final arrangements. In February he returned, more negotiations followed, and suddenly we were informed that they had been finally broken off, leaving the question of Settlement extension again as much in the air as ever it was, and we may be certain that Chinese policy will be directed towards keeping it in its airy position just as long as the Chinese think that they can exploit the situation. I say therefore that the time has again come for further public action, as called for in the June resolution, and I am certain that I will carry the meeting with me when I say that no more appropriate action could be taken than by the convening of such a meeting as you are attending to-day. (Hear, hear.) Gentlemen, the question as to why the negotiations have failed does not perhaps very much concern us, nor does it concern us to take into account the rumours which, during the past few days, have been current in the local Press, as to there being other forces at work apart from Chinese opposition. At the same time, however, I am at liberty to place before you some facts in connection with the recent negotiations with the Tao-tai which will show you the impossibility of the situation, and how we are being played with and fooled by the Chinese authorities. I would ask you to remember, in connection with what I am going to read to you, that it represents the result of three and a-half years' work, and I will leave you to draw your own conclusions as to the hopelessness of anything being gained in China through the means of diplomacy, unsupported by the determination of force. (Applause.) The Chinese authorities apparently found it necessary to admit the principle of Settlement extension, but in making the admissions they cut down the area of the claimed extension in such a way as, on that point alone, to render continuation of negotiations impossible. But apart from the restriction of area, we now learn that the terms now to be attached to any extension were such as to be absolutely whole matter. It is these terms that I am about to read to you. They are headed: "A Proposition of the Eight Articles for the Extension of the Settlement." I quote them as I have them and am not responsible for the diction. The first article is—

"This time, after the extension Settlement, the rights of the Chinese residents within the same shall be equal to those of the residents of other nationalities, with no difference whatever, and Chinese ought to vote on the occasion of nomination of Councillors." (Laughter.)

A very pleasing regulation so far as Chinese are concerned, and no doubt they would supply us with a very nice Chinese Council, which would of course save the foreign devil a lot of trouble. (Laughter.)

Art. 2.—"Warrants from Chinese authorities for apprehension of Chinese, such Chinese not concerning the interests of foreigners, will not be taken to the Senior Consul for endorsement, and will be dealt with per original regulation of the Mixed Court."

That is to say that in the Settlements the *yamen* runners of the Chinese authorities can do as they please.

Art. 3.—"Public buildings belonging to the Chinese Government situated within the extended Settlement ought to be governed according to their established regulations; foreigners will not interfere with such government."

There is a smell of the Ningpo joss-house about this, and such a regulation would no doubt produce other smells and nuisances.

Art. 4.—"After the present extension of the Settlement the area will be larger than the original Settlement;—which is no doubt true;—thereafter all nations, without exception, will be included within this cosmopolitan Settlement; no further extension will be asked for."

The cosmopolitan idea is no doubt all right, and the notion of a further extension of the Settlement no doubt has the special attention of at least one nationality from its own particular point of interest.

Art. 5.—"Formerly when China consented to grant a Settlement to Japan in Shanghai and other places, it was specified in the treaty, about a differential duty on foreign and native goods and establishment of manufactures, the present extension of Settlement, linking the same cosmopolitan, the duty ought to remain as per previous original treaty."

I do not know what that means, but it seems to favour of China, and to be a sort of general shot at industrial enterprises in the extended Settlement. We have been shot at enough, goodness knows, in our industrial enterprises in the present Settlement.

Art. 6.—"In matter of taxation within the Settlement, when such taxation concerns Chinese, the question will be treated as per English Consul-General Brennan's dispatch, i.e. to be put in force after satisfactory arrangements with the Chinese authorities. In matters of prohibition or approval by Chinese authorities, once obtained sanction of the Consul, the Municipal Council will not put objection."

The apparently means that no taxation of Chinese can be made without the approval of the Chinese authorities, but really the matter is so mixed up that I can with confidence leave it to Mr. Consul Brennan, whose name is mentioned in connection with it.

Art. 7.—"After the present extension of the Settlement the Municipal police stationed without the boundaries will be recalled; the Chinese authorities will place their police to take charge and keep the boundaries clear, each exercising its power."

That is to say that the policing of ex-Settlement roads is to be left to the tender mercies of the Chinese. Gentlemen, if this wasn't a very serious meeting I would ask you to laugh. (Laughter.)

Art. 8.—"Rivers and creeks belonging to the Chinese Government, Chinese burial grounds, and buildings situated within the boundaries of the extended Settlement, to be regulated as per delimitation of the Hongkong boundaries which took place in the 19th year of Kuang Hsu."

Gentlemen, I have had the document from which I am quoting in my hands for so short a time that I have been unable to read up what took place in the 19th year of Kuang Hsu, but if my memory does not deceive me it was in that year that the then American Consul-General completed the arrangements for the extension of the American Settlement, which work he did for the general benefit of the Settlements, but he did it working alone as American Consul, and he was not interfered with by other Consuls. And this gives me a point, which is that only difference between the work then and the work that we are urging forward today, is that whereas he carried through his work on behalf of the country which he represented, we are to-day urging similar action jointly as Anglo-Americans in the interests of the two Settlements which bear our name. (Applause.) Gentlemen, it seems, I repeat, most appropriate that we who bear the reputation of those who made these Settlements,

and whose name they bear, should, as an Anglo-American combination, take up this question on our own account, and in the words of the resolution which I am about to read, urge upon our respective Governments that immediate, united, and vigorous action be taken in order to bring to a satisfactory conclusion a matter which vitally affects the interests of the community. Let it be understood by everybody both inside and outside this meeting that we are not asking for any special privileges for ourselves; but that what the efforts of our Governments may gain will be of equal advantage to all nationalities alike. Our German friends have shown themselves so completely at one with us in this matter, that I am sure that they will heartily support our movement, and I only regret that it has not been possible to invite them to join us in this meeting of our two Associations. The resolution that I have to propose is—

"In view of the present deadlock in the matter of the Extension of the General Settlements at Shanghai, this meeting urges the necessity of immediate, united, and vigorous action on the part of the Governments of Great Britain and the United States, in order to obtain a definite solution of a question vitally affecting the interests of this community."

Mr. F. E. Haskell (President of the American Association of China)—Gentlemen, I have great pleasure in seconding the resolution proposed by the Chairman of the China Association and I am sure that our Association fully endorses the resolution. I can add but little to his remarks; the facts are all as stated by him. It may be thought that it is somewhat unfair to the policies of the governments to forward such a resolution to the various authorities, but I think that, considering the apathy that has been shown by both our governments in the affairs of the Far East in the past that we are quite justified in doing so, and I hope you will support it. The Chinese authorities have recognised the principle of Settlement Extension by giving or certain areas which is not consistent with the principle of Settlement Extension, but should be granted, but they still accompany them with conditions which would nullify the benefits we are asking. Beyond this, as the Chairman of the China Association has told you, a few years ago, the extension of the Hongkong Settlement was granted without any conditions beyond what existed previously. Most of us have experienced the tactics of the Chinese, either in their official or commercial capacity, which are procrastination, haggling, and raising new issues to tire out the foreigner. In this matter I hope the latter will not be tired out, and that it will be made plain to the Chinese that there are certain rights and certain things which they will have to concede, and that they cannot bar all progress. We are only asking for what will benefit them equally with us, and I hope the resolution will be carried. (Applause.)

Mr. F. Anderson—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, on behalf of the Municipal Council I would merely like to say that the terms which Mr. Dudgeon has read out to us to-day have been heard by us for the first time. They have not been communicated to us, and I am quite sure when they are, I am expressing the unanimous opinion of the Council when I say that they will be received with feelings of amusement, if not of indignation. If this is the result of three and a-half years' negotiations it seems to me to be quite clear that the Chinese are treating the matter in a spirit of mockery. They would not treat any one of the Great Powers in this spirit, and the fact that they have done so to the Consular Body representing all the Great Powers, appears to me to argue that either they think the Consuls are not in earnest in the demands which they have made, or that there are so great dissensions among them that they can treat it in this spirit with impunity. I therefore think that the action which the proposer of the resolution, Mr. Dudgeon, and Mr. Haskell had before us to-day, namely, that the negotiations should now be pressed not by the Consular Body as a whole, but by the two nationalities whose names the Settlements bear, and any others who are willing to co-operate with them, is the most likely to lead to success. (Hear, hear.)

The resolution was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Mr. C. Thorne—You have just heard it expressed by Mr. Anderson that it will probably be of very little use if this is merely referred to the Consular Body. It therefore shows the necessity of bringing forward another resolution, which I have now the pleasure of moving:—

"That the resolution now passed be communicated by wire both to London and Washington, and to our respective Ministers in Peking, and we hope this may produce a different result from what it has done hitherto."

Mr. A. W. Dunford seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. Dudgeon having mentioned that this concluded the business, a vote of thanks to him as Chairman was carried by acclamation, and the meeting dispersed.—N. C. D. News.

## AFFAIRS IN AFGHANISTAN.

**PROBABILITY OF DISTURBANCE.**  
In the opinion of Lord Roberts, the situation at Cabul is bound very shortly to take a serious turn. There has, he says, scarcely been a succession without civil war of more or less duration. Afghanistan is not a kingdom, or a monarchy, in an ordinary sense. There are within its borders a series of small democracies more or less independent, while the Ameer himself is a dictator, ruling over a military aristocracy. In each of the districts Sirdars are supposed to exercise control; but they are intensely jealous of each other, and can only with difficulty be held in subjection. Lord Roberts thinks that the chance of the succession lies between Habibullah and Umar Jan, the latter having the support of his ambitious mother, who is of the royal family. He is also of opinion that the Europeans who are still at Cabul, should get out of the land as quickly as possible and while the Ameer is still able to protect them. The Ameer's own troubles are formidable, the latest being the Waziri raids. A few years ago it was the Ghilzais, strongest of the Afghan divisions, and more recently, the Hazaras, who have their stronghold in the north-west. The whole country, indeed, is honeycombed with elements of disorder.

## A NAPOLEONIC RESTORATION.

Mr. Crawford, the *Daily News* correspondent in Paris, says that he is told that in London talk of a Napoleonic restoration in France is brisk. Those who lay their money on Prince Victor or Prince Louis, he adds, lay it on the wrong horse. I do not anticipate the downfall of the Republic. If it fell a Napoleon, or any Pretender, would have no chance. One or the other Prince would have only to show himself to be rejected. Prince Victor looks like a Flemish Burgomaster, Prince Louis (like Miss Fox) looks universal proportion, and is the least intellectual Bonaparte that ever lived. His countenance shows this. To be a successful Pretender one should answer to the mood and standard of the mass of the population. One should be democratic with a good grace. One should be picturesque, affable, and make a show of the impulsive Gambetta on a balcony was matchless. No Orleans Prince since Louis Philippe was ever worth a straw as a Pretender.

## ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

TENTH CLUB RACE, 19TH MARCH.

The course was from the Police Pier, Kowloon, round Channel Rocks, Kowloon Rock, and Meyer's east buoy, twice round; 13 miles. The starters were, in the "A" class, *Active*, *Maid Marian*, *Phoebe*, *Sybil*, *Chanticleer*, and *Bonito*, and in the "B" class *Princess*, *Dart*, *Payne*, and *Ladybird*.

The A class started at 1.15 and the B class at 1.30, in a fairly strong east wind. *Erica*, *Chanticleer*, and *Princess* had a set in at the start, but *Erica* and *Chanticleer* shook them out at Channel Rocks. In the first beat to the eastward *Maid Marian* and *Erica* went away with the lead, but off the Docks *Erica* had the misfortune to have her peak halyards carried away, and in carrying out the necessary repairs dropped back into fourth place; *Bonito* and *Chanticleer* both passing her. The order at Channel Rocks was *Maid Marian*, *Bonito*, *Chanticleer*, *Erica*, *Active*, *Sybil*, *Phoebe*, then *Payne*, *Princess*, *Ladybird*, and *Dart*. In rounding Kowloon Rocks the *Bonito* cut rather too fine and piled herself up on the small spur on the west side and gave up shortly afterwards. The race from this point was practically a procession, but *Phoebe* and *Sybil* had a fine race for last place, *Phoebe* getting it by 28 seconds. The finishing times, &c., were:—

A CLASS.	Total.
<i>Maid Marian</i> .....3 28 8 first, 10 marks 30	
<i>Chanticleer</i> .....3 31 0 second, 4 "	28
<i>Erica</i> .....3 32 3 third, 4 "	51
<i>Active</i> .....3 38 2 "	69
<i>Sybil</i> .....4 1 23 "	13
<i>Phoebe</i> .....4 1 51 "	14
<i>Bonito</i> .....gave up 15 "	
B CLASS.	Total.
<i>Princess</i> .....3 53 28 first, 10 marks 39	
<i>Princess</i> .....3 55 15 second, 4 "	17
<i>Ladybird</i> .....3 56 15 third, 1 "	44
<i>Dart</i> .....3 59 46 "	34

The next race will be on the 26th March, for Mr. Wilkins's prize.

## NOTANDA.

### CALENDAR.

MARCH.	
Metereological means based on ten years' observations to 1893.	
Barometer.....30.059	
Thermometer.....62.0	
Humidity.....85.5	
Rainfall.....4.08	

### WEATHER REPORT.

On date at	On date at
Barometer.....30.15	30.02
Thermometer.....62	68
Humidity.....68	75
Rainfall.....—	—

### TO-DAY.

On date at	On date at
Barometer.....30.15	30.02
Thermometer.....62	68
Humidity.....68	75
Rainfall.....—	—

### TO-MORROW.

On date at	On date at
Barometer.....30.15	30.02
Thermometer.....62	68
Humidity.....68	75
Rainfall.....—	—

### ANNIVERSARIES.

1834—The British ship <i>North</i> , the first free trader, sailed from Whampoa.	
1841—Chinese attack on the British fleet at Canton repelled.	
1843—Scinde annexed to the British Empire.	
1848—Abdication of the King of Bavaria.	
1860—Kowloon ceded to the British.	
1869—H.M.S. <i>Sulamis</i> and H.M.S. <i>Opposum</i> left Hankow to explore the Yangtze.	
1871—Prince Louise married.	
1891—Loss of the steamship <i>Queen Elizabeth</i> .	
1897—Formal blockade of Cebu commenced.	

### TO-MORROW.

On date at	On date at
Barometer.....30.15	30.02
Thermometer.....62	68
Humidity.....68	75
Rainfall.....—	—

### ANNIVERSARIES.

1797—Emperor William I. of Germany born.	
1839—The surrender of Mr. Dent demanded by Commissioner Lin.	
1841—The Canton batteries and two war junks destroyed by the British.	
1850—The Orange Sovereignty separated from Cape Colony.	
1879—Church of the Sacred Heart, Hongkong, opened.	
1881—The Boers agreed to accept self-government under the suzerainty of Great Britain.	
1885—Death at Peking, of Sir Harry Parkes, H.B.M.'s Minister to China.	
1897—Seoul-Chemulpo Railway commenced.	

### SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.
Australian ( <i>Tokio Maru</i> ) 24th inst.
Indian ( <i>Suisun</i> ) 25th inst.
French ( <i>Ernest Simon</i> ) 26th inst.
American ( <i>City of Peking</i> ) 29th inst.
American ( <i>Guelic</i> ) 6th prox.
American ( <i>Hongkong Maru</i> ) 14th prox.

### THE Californian & Oriental S. S. Co.'s steamer

<i>Carlisle City</i> , left San Diego for Japan and Hongkong on the 18th inst.	
<i>The East Asiatic Co.'s steamer Calhay</i> from Copenhagen, Gothenburg and Antwerp, left Singapore via Saigon and Haiphong for this port on the 18th, and may be expected here on or about the 1st proximo.	

### THE Steamship *City of Peking*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 1st instant via Honolulu has arrived at Yokohama and will leave for this port tomorrow morning via India Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

### HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

<i>Isla de Cuba</i> .....at Kowloon Dock.	
<i>Isla de Luzon</i> ....." "	
<i>Hud</i> ....." "	
<i>Riojun Maru</i> ....." "	
<i>H.M.S. Redpole</i> ....." "	
<i>H.I.G.M.S. P. Whelan</i> ....." "	
<i>Churan</i> ....." "	
<i>Produce</i> ....." "	
<i>Hatching</i> ....." "	
<i>U.S.S. Monadnock</i> ....." "	
<i>H.M.S. Whiting</i> ....." "	
<i>Don Hermans</i> ....." "	
<i>D. Juan &amp; Austria</i> .....Cosmopolitan	
<i>Phra Chon Kiao</i> ....." "	
<i>Chittagong</i> .....Aberdeen	
<i>Nanjing</i> ....." "	

## SWATOW WEEKLY SHIPPING REPORT.

(18th March, 1899.)

Date.	Vessels.	Where from.	Agents.
Mar. 12	<i>Pakhoi</i> .....	Chefoo .....	B. & S.
" 12	<i>Nanyang</i> .....	Hongkong .....	J. M. & Co.
" 13	<i>Taiyang</i> .....	Amoy .....	" "
" 13	<i>Hailong</i> .....	Shanghai .....	" "
" 13	<i>Tamsui</i> .....	Chefoo .....	B. & S.
" 13	<i>Ningpo</i> .....	Hongkong .....	J. M. & Co.
" 13	<i>Thais</i> .....	Hongkong .....	J. M. & Co.
" 14	<i>Haitan</i> .....	Amoy .....	B. & S.
" 14	<i>Chunshan</i> .....	Amoy .....	B. & Co.
" 14	<i>Marie Jehen</i> .....	Hongay .....	" "
" 14	<i>Ebani</i> .....	Hongkong .....	J. M. & Co.
" 15	<i>Wosung</i> .....	Amoy & Shai .....	B. & S.
" 15	<i>Loosok</i> .....	Hongkong .....	" "
" 15	<i>Pronto</i> .....	Amoy .....	J. M. & Co.
" 15	<i>Kanai</i> .....	Whu & C'kiang .....	B. & S.
" 15	<i>St. Helens</i> .....	Langkut .....	L. & H.
" 15	<i>Chowfa</i> .....	Bangkok .....	B. & S.
" 15	<i>Chiyuen</i> .....	Amoy & Shai .....	C.M.S.N. Co.
" 15	<i>Haitan</i> .....	Amoy .....	J. M. & Co.
" 15	<i>Hailong</i> .....	Hongkong .....	" "
" 15	<i>Haitan</i> .....	Amoy .....	B. & Co.
" 15	<i>Chunshan</i> .....	Chefoo .....	B. & S.
" 15	<i>Ichang</i> .....	Chefoo .....	B. & S.
" 15	<i>Suwai</i> .....	H'kong .....	B. & Co.



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